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SHEET COILS AND LINEAR MOTORS COMPRISING SAME, AND STAGE UNITS AND MICROLITHOGRAPHY APPARATUS COMPRISING SAID LINEAR MOTORS

Abstract of the Disclosure

Sheet coils and linear motors including same are disclosed. Also disclosed are stage units, exposure devices, and microelectronic-device manufacturing methods employing the linear motors. The linear motors exhibit reduced viscous resistance. The sheet coil includes at least one coil formed as a conductive wiring trace on an insulative film substrate. The coil includes at least one slit extending in the coil-winding direction. The slit usually separates the coil into multiple partial coils that are connected to AC current having the same phase.